Texas Driving with Disability Program

Components to the Texas Driving with Disability Program

Communication Impediment on Driver License & State ID

<u>Communication Impediment with a Peace Officer</u> is an optional restriction code offered on Texas State ID and Driver License for those wanting to alert law enforcement of a challenge with communication. A physician-signed form is required.

Communication Impediment in Vehicle Registration

The option for disclosure of a communication disability/impediment when registering a vehicle through the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles. Communication Impediment will then be privately placed in the Texas Law Enforcement Telecommunication System (TLETS) thus alerting the officer of the challenge PRIOR to approaching the vehicle in a pull-over scenario. Form VTR-216 must be completed by a licensed physician if the applicant has a physical health condition or a licensed physician, licensed psychologist, or a non-physician mental health professional if the applicant has a mental health condition.

What diagnosis is considered a "communication impediment" for the Texas Driving with Disability Program?

- Autism (including Asperger Syndrome)
- Mild Intellectual Disability
- Down Syndrome
- Parkinson's Disease
- Speech and Language Disorders (mutism, stuttering, speech delay Aphasia and Spasmodic Dysphonia)
- Post Traumatic Stress Disorder
- Brain Injury
- Cerebral Palsy
- Deaf
- Hard of Hearing

How do I participate?

If you want to place the code for "Communication Impediment with a Peace Officer" on your Texas ID or driver license:

• Ask your doctor to complete <u>form DL-101</u> and present it at the driver license office. The code will go on the back of your license, similar to other codes like organ donor or corrective lenses.

If you want "communication impediment" to be included in TLETS:

• Have your doctor, psychologist, or non-physician mental health professional complete <u>form VTR-216</u>. Present this form when you register your vehicle with Texas DMV.

More information can be found at The Office of the Texas Governor's Website, <u>https://gov.texas.gov/organization/disabilities/texas-driving-with-disability</u>.